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Re: "Comments" on Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for
Amendments in the California Department of Food and Agriculture Milk
Stabilization Plan

Mr. Rains:

Land O' Lakes agrees with CDFA's conclusion in its California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Initial Study of the Amendments that the preparation of an environmental impact report is not required, warranted, or appropriate at this time. We also agree with the Department's determination that there is no substantial evidence in the record to support a fair argument that the proposed activity, which is to increase the make allowances for cheese, skim whey powder, and NFDM powder, will result in any adverse physical impacts to the environment (p. 28).

Land O' Lakes agrees with the Departmental findings and with the study's conclusion which states that "any possible linkages between (the Amendments) and adverse environmental impacts due to enhancements in production are indirect, tenuous and speculative." (pg 1).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Negative Declaration and Initial Study by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Land O' Lakes also agrees with the comments submitted by the Dairy Institute of California.

Land O' Lakes urges the implementation announced hearing results of the June 2006 hearing on October 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

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